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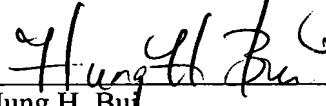
REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending in this application. Claims 25-40 have been newly added to alternatively define Applicants' disclosed invention in accordance with current Office policy, to expedite compact prosecution of the instant application. A fee of \$528.00 is incurred by the addition of three (3) independent claims in excess of three and sixteen (16) claims in excess of the previously paid for twenty-four (24) claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments, arguments and remarks, all claims are deemed to be in condition for examination. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's attorney at (703) 312-6600.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP (referencing Attorney Docket No. 219.40017X00), and please credit any excess fees to said deposit account.

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